

\$1,000,000 SWINDLE BARED

TREATY FIGHTS THREATEN G. O. P. SOLIDARITY

REPUBLICAN ADMITS
DISPUTE IS SHAKING
PARTY'S SOLID FRONT

Conference Held By Senators
to Discuss How to Proceed in
View of Protests

THREATS OF BOLLINGS
DECLARED POPPY-CK

Fate of Treaty Very Much In
Doubt Because of Attitude
on Reservations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Republican senators met in informal conference today to consider procedure with the peace treaty in view of the protests against further compromise made yesterday by the eight Republicans headed by Senators Johnson of California and Borah of Idaho.

In order that the Republican conference might proceed freely, Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, cancelled the meeting planned with the Democratic committee, headed by Senator Hitchcock to discuss compromise reservations. Mr. Lodge called a number of Republicans, including those of "mild reservation" group to his office to consider the situation presented by the threatened defection of the Johnson-Borah group.

No announcement was made by Senator Lodge regarding renewal of the compromise negotiations with the Democratic leaders, but it was believed that the Republican committee on compromise would meet again early next week with the Democrats. There were indications that the cancellation of today's bipartisan conference was merely to give Senator Lodge time to consult with the rank and file of Republican senators.

Except for brief statements from Senators Lodge and Johnson, and a lengthy statement from Senator Sherman, few of the senators participating in yesterday's conference would talk for publication. Mr. Lodge said the senators who called him to the meeting represented "a large group of senators who want no change in the Lodge reservations. Senator Johnson declared that the Lodge reservations were said by Mr. Lodge to be 'the irreducible minimum.' Others in the meeting stated privately that the question of a treaty compromise on 'Republican solidarity and leadership in the senate and in the country' was discussed.

Threats of Bolling

"Were there any threats to bolt the Republican leadership or the party?" was asked of one of the Republican conferees.

"I would rather not answer that question," came a hesitant reply. "Party solidarity is threatened; that is all I care to say."

Senator Johnson was asked regarding reports widely circulated in senate lobby gossip, that declarations had been made of a third party movement and a "bolt" from the Republican senate leadership if the Lodge reservations are modified, and the California senator replied:

"Poppycock; I haven't such a thought."

Senator Lodge said the meetings was to give information to senators present regarding the compromise negotiations with the Democratic committee.

Desire No Changes

"They represent a large body of senators who want no change in the Lodge reservations," said Mr. Lodge, as he smilingly crowded his way through newspaper correspondents waiting outside the conference room. To the suggestion that all of those present except himself and Senator New, are identified with the treaty's foes, Mr. Lodge answered:

"We must present the question to all sides. That was understood in undertaking the negotiations with the Democrats. We Republicans, in meeting the Democratic leaders, represent nobody but ourselves. Anything we do is tentative and must be referred to senators. Those present today wanted to know what we had done."

Beyond this Senator Lodge declined to comment.

Other senators in the council, however, stated that no textual drafts of proposed compromise reservations were considered.

Principal Protest

The principal protest of the eight senators to Mr. Lodge and Mr. New, it was stated, was against holding any compromise negotiations whatever with the Democrats and secondly, against any change in the Lodge reservations. This view was outlined in Senator Johnson's statement after the conference broke up.

"After months of debate and deliberation," said Senator Johnson, "the senate agreed to a set of reservations which represent a compromise. It was admitted by everybody that these reservations, called the Lodge reservations, were the very limit that should be done for the protection of America. In the language of Senator Lodge they constituted 'the irreducible minimum.' Personally I am unable to see how there can be any compromise upon the least possible protection to American

Three Killed in D. & R. G. Crash

New Demand to Be Made for Kaiser

FRAMER OF PEACE
HAS TOUGH LUCK
PREMIER ASSERTS

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Ill fortune has attended statesmen intimately associated with the framing of the treaty of Versailles, is the opinion of Premier David Lloyd George of Great Britain, according to a newspaper article published here.

Mr. Lloyd George was so convinced Georges Clemenceau would be the next president of the French republic that he considered the race over. Therefore when he heard of the election of Paul Deschanel as president he could not refrain from expressing his astonishment.

"Who could have expected such a reversal of form?" he ejaculated.

The British premier is said to have expressed an opinion that the peace treaty "was hard luck for anyone having had a hand in it."

"Yes," the deputy is quoted as replying, "Premier Orlando is out of office, Premier Clemenceau is again in private life and President Wilson has met with reverses in Washington. Only you have been spared."

"Yes, and in less than six months it will be my turn," is the reply attributed to the British leader.

TRAINMEN CRUSHED
AND BURNED UNDER
BLAZING WRECKAGE

Accident Occurs Near Salt
Lake Following Rear End
Collision of Trains

DENSE FOG BLAMED
FOR FEARFUL CRASH

Trapped Trainman Pleads for
Gun to End Life as Flames
Approach Him

Denver & Rio Grande officials today were making an investigation of the railway accident at Midvale, near Salt Lake, last night in which three trainmen were crushed and burned to death and several others were hurt.

The dead:

H. C. Spencer, Salt Lake, head brakeman, crushed and scalded to death beneath locomotive.

Clifford W. Hosland, brakeman, Salt Lake, burned to death beneath splintered caboose.

C. P. Johnson, of Salt Lake, engineer, missing, but believed crushed to death beneath load of rails.

W. H. Kirkham, three other trainmen, and a woman are in a Salt Lake hospital. Kirkham is thought to be fatally hurt.

Rear End Collision.

The wreck followed a rear end collision between two Denver & Rio Grande trains. Both trains were headed for Midvale and the smash came while both trains were wrapped in fog.

The engine fell over the embankment, dragging with it ten freight cars. Sparks from the engine ignited the cars.

Hosland was caught in the splintered caboose, and was burned to death before the eyes of his would-be rescuers. It was not until the caboose had been entirely burned that the charred remains could be recovered.

Spencer was riding in the engine as head brakeman. He was caught beneath the block of the engine boiler and screamed in agony for a gun that he might escape the agony of the live steam which seared his body.

When the smash occurred a carload of iron rods was precipitated over the embankment and it is thought that Engineer Johnson was caught beneath this mass of iron.

It is surmised that the fog hid the rear lights of the forward train until it was too late to avert a crash.

Flying Animal Millions
of Years Old May Teach
Moderns Tricks of Game

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The skeleton of a huge flying reptile, probably the largest flying creature that ever existed, which in its pre-historic day was as wide ranging an ocean traveler as a modern seaplane, has been placed on exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History, it was announced today. Study of the mechanics of the creature's flight, which is planned by scientists, may throw light on the practical problems of aeronautics, it is declared.

The clumsy, toothless animal, a pteranodon—which flourished in the age of reptiles, many millions of years ago, had a wing spread of sixteen feet from tip to tip, but because of its curious dimensions may not have been as heavy as a modern condor which sometimes attains a thirteen foot spread. It was nearly all wings and head, with a small body, slender hind legs and a mere stump of a tail.

The specimen was found by Handel T. Martin, curator of the geological museum of Kansas university in the cretaceous chalk beds of the Smoky Hill river of western Kansas. It is believed to be the only mounted specimen of a pteranodon in any American museum.

AMERICAN BUSINESS
FIRMS DESIRE TO
TRADE WITH RUSSIA

Board to Promote Commerce
Between Two Countries Was
Formed in Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Representatives of a number of American business firms met here today to organize an "American-Russian trade board" to promote commerce between the United States and soviet Russia. E. P. Jennings, president of the Lehigh Machine company, presided and announced that an effort would be made to "lift the blockade" in accordance with the decision of the supreme council at Paris.

Mr. Jennings said companies represented at the meetings included Morris and company, Chicago packers; the Borden Condensed Milk company; Rabin-Larmon and company, machine tool makers of Cincinnati; Fischman and company, New York, importers and the Columbia Freight Forwarding company of New York.

Dudley Field Malone, former counsel for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled Russian soviet "ambassador" to the United States, was among those attending. He said he was representing his own interests and American clients in New York.

MANY NEW CASES OF
FLU AND PNEUMONIA
LISTED IN CHICAGO

Disease to Hit Everybody Not
Immune Commissioner of
Health Declares

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Influenza and pneumonia continued to spread in Chicago today at the rate of more than 2000 new cases every twenty-four hours.

The highest death rate for any twenty-four hours since the epidemic began was reported. There were 2513 new cases and 101 deaths.

At the Great Lakes naval training station total deaths reached 18 and the total number of cases 1034.

Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner, predicted "the contagion will continue until it has hit every person who is not immune."

Industrial establishments today reported their working forces had been depleted ten per cent by the epidemic.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Although reports received by the public health service in the last 24 hours showed a gradual increase of influenza cases over the country, Surgeon-General Blue today said there was no real cause "for the people to get panicky" and that state and city health authorities apparently had the situation well in hand.

Kansas City, Mo., reported 40 deaths in an automobile school there. The disease is prevalent over the state. Other telegrams showed an increase in the number of cases at Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah, 152 new cases in Wyoming, 69 cases with ten deaths at San Francisco, 242 additional cases in Connecticut, a large number of cases of so-called gripe in Montana, 117 cases at Richmond, Va.; increases in Oklahoma and a few scattered cases throughout Wisconsin.

Newspaper Editions
Curtailed in Madrid

MADRID, Jan. 24.—The official journal publishes a royal decree forbidding in the future publication of Sunday evening and Monday morning editions of newspapers. Sale of newspapers is also prohibited from noon Sunday to noon Monday.

Work in editorial and printing offices of the newspapers must cease from 7 a. m. Sunday until 7 a. m. Monday. Transmission of news intended for publication either by telegraph or telephone is forbidden between 6 o'clock Sunday morning and 6 o'clock Monday morning.

Gerard Accepts Monroe
Challenge to Debate

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, whose name was filed as a Democratic candidate for president at the South Dakota primaries, has accepted the challenge of George D. Monroe of Chicago, an independent candidate, for a joint debate on the presidential issues. The challenge was made and accepted in compliance with South Dakota laws.

The debate will be held at Sioux Falls, March 2. Mr. Gerard announced.

Food Production Will
Combat Cost of Living

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Increased agricultural production throughout the world to combat the high cost of living is planned by the International Association of Agricultural Missions, just organized here, it was announced today. The organization, which is associated with the inter-church world movement, will seek to introduce modern agricultural methods in all non-Christian lands. The new methods will be introduced through the protestant foreign mission boards.

SAN SALVADOR TO CELEBRATE.
SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, Jan. 24.—Steps looking to the celebration of the first centenary of the independence of Central America have been taken by President Barquero of Costa Rica. (The separation of Central American territory from Spain occurred in 1821.)

HOHENZOLLERN NOT
SURPRISED TO HEAR
OF HOLLAND VERDICT

Premiers of France, Great
Britain and Italy Discuss Next
Move to Be Made

NEXT DEMAND MAY
BE MADE ON BERLIN

Czecho-Slovakia and Austria
Have Formed an Alliance
Against Hungary

AMERONGEN, Friday, Jan. 23.—Former Emperor William of Germany was not surprised by the formal refusal of the Dutch government to comply with the allied demand for his surrender, it was declared today at Benthinck castle, where the ex-ruler makes his home. News of the decision was first communicated to the castle by the Associated Press correspondent here.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Conference between premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy will be held before the next move in the proceedings to extradite former Emperor William from Holland is decided upon, according to information given the Associated Press by the French foreign office. Whether the next demand for surrender will be directed to The Hague or Berlin will be the main subject to be determined.

The next meeting will be held in London, but as no date has been fixed and the matter cannot be left pending a long time, the foreign office expressed the opinion that the question might be settled through diplomatic channels between Rome, Paris and London.

LILLE, Jan. 24.—Seven more German soldiers, among them a captain, who are accused of thefts and pillage during the enemy occupation of this city, have arrived here and incarcerated in the fortress.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 21.—Czecho-Slovakia and the Austrian republic have formed an alliance against Hungary, according to a news agency report published here. It is said the agreement reached by Chancellor Renner at Prague provides that Austria shall undertake no measures looking to an increase in her military establishment without submitting them to Czecho-Slovakia for approval and that in the event of war between the Czecho-Slovakia and Austria shall supply munitions and material only to the former. In addition, it is said Czecho-Slovakia has agreed to furnish troops to aid Austria in securing German sections of western Hungary.

British and Americans
Plan Credit Extensions

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Conferences are daily in progress here between representatives of the British and American treasury departments with a view to allied and neutral co-operation in the event that the American congress approves the proposed plan of credits for feeding Central Europe.

The negotiations are well advanced and approximately 40,000 tons of British shipping have been chartered by Sir William Goode in order to supply Poland with the equivalent in grain granted on credit by the United States but for the moving of which neither Poland nor the United States can provide shipping.

Twelve-Hour Day.
LONDON, Jan. 24.—A dispatch to the Central News from Helsingfors says the Bolsheviks are trying to force the population of Russia to work every day in the week and have introduced a compulsory working day of 12 hours. All working classes are affected. It is said the new rule is being enforced with the utmost severity.

BURNED TO DEATH.
DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 24.—An unidentified man was burned to death, two were sent to hospitals, severely burned, and a number of other persons sustained less serious injuries and burns in a fire which destroyed a three-story hotel here early today.

CONFIDENCE GAME OF
THIRTY YEARS AGO IS
REVIVED POLICE SAY

Letters Sent Out Declaring Re-
cipient is Heir to Vast Estate
in New York

CONTRIBUTION SOUGHT
"FOR LEGAL EXPENSE"

Site of Woolworth Building
and Trinity Church Included
In Supposed Property

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 24.—Three armed men held up four employees of the Sig-mund Eisner company on the factory grounds today and robbed them of \$20,000, the company payroll.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Search for swindlers who are trying to convince thousands of persons throughout the country that they have inherited most of the land in New York's financial district was begun today by the police.

In a revival of a swindle which netted promoters nearly \$1,000,000 nearly thirty years ago, letters have been circulated advising the recipients that they are heirs of Anneke Jans, and that her estate consisting of the sites of the Woolworth building, Trinity church and most of Wall street is to be divided soon. A contribution for legal expenses is asked. Jewels and money valued at millions belonging to the estate have just been discovered in a vault in this city, the letter says. As proof there are enclosed what appear to be newspaper clippings.

Anneke Jans was a real old Knickerbocker and she left all her property to Trinity church. Litigation over the estate ended years ago, but at least 500,000 persons have claimed to be her heirs since then, it is estimated at the district attorney's office.

Residents of Ogden declare they remember this old swindle. They declare that one person in nearly every community received a letter in which they were told they were heir to great wealth and that a certain sum should be contributed toward developing the legal phases of the case.

Government officers urge that any person receiving one of the letters of the present swindlers notify the proper authorities.

Catholic Publisher
Is Facing Charges

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Charles Diamond, proprietor of the London Catholic Herald, who was arrested January 8, charged with publication of an article in which he was alleged to have said that "killing is no murder," was today committed to trial in the central criminal court.

Diamond, according to the indictment, "did unlawfully solicit, encourage, persuade and endeavor to persuade and propose to divers persons in Ireland to whom the article should be communicated to murder divers persons carrying on the government of Ireland."

Commercial Airplane
Flight Tied in Peru

LIMA, Thursday, Jan. 22.—The first commercial airplane flight in Peru was undertaken today when a biplane piloted by an American aviator, Walter Pae, left Lima for Pisco, 120 miles south, along the coast carrying a passenger. The airplane made the trip in two hours. The trip takes 24 hours by the slow coastwise steamers which sail every ten days.

New York American
Club Dissatisfied

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—New York's normal birth rate has been reduced by 26,000 since January 1, 1918, because of the war and the resultant high cost of living, according to a statement issued here today by Dr. H. M. Biggs, state commissioner of health.

Dr. Biggs found solace in the fact that the death rate for the same period was the lowest in many years.